

PRICE, \$2.50 PER MONTH

Business Notices.

Don't Worry,
But Read this Advertisement!
ANGEL BRAND
CONDENSED
SWISS Milk.
THE RICHEST IN CREAM.
AN AVERAGE OF
13.13 per Cent. of BUTTER FAT.
WATKINS & Co.,
SOLE AGENTS

Island Cement Co., Ltd.


Green Island Cement Company Limited.
MANUFACTURERS OF

PAVING STONES **BRICKS** **TILES**
DRAIN-PIPES
FIRECLAY
FIRE BRICKS
WORKS, { GREEN ISLAND, MACAO.
DEEP WATER BAY, HONGKONG

Figure 1. The effect of the concentration of the *Agrobacterium* suspension on the transformation efficiency of *Agrobacterium* strains. The *Agrobacterium* strains were cultured in the YEA medium for 24 h and then adjusted to the OD₆₀₀ of 0.1. The *Agrobacterium* strains were then cultured in the YEA medium with the concentration of 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 2.0, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 3.0, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 4.0, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, 5.0, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 6.0, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9, 7.0, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9, 8.0, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9, 9.0, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 9.8, 9.9, 10.0, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7, 10.8, 10.9, 11.0, 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 11.5, 11.6, 11.7, 11.8, 11.9, 12.0, 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 12.5, 12.6, 12.7, 12.8, 12.9, 13.0, 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, 13.5, 13.6, 13.7, 13.8, 13.9, 14.0, 14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.4, 14.5, 14.6, 14.7, 14.8, 14.9, 15.0, 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, 15.5, 15.6, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9, 16.0, 16.1, 16.2, 16.3, 16.4, 16.5, 16.6, 16.7, 16.8, 16.9, 17.0, 17.1, 17.2, 17.3, 17.4, 17.5, 17.6, 17.7, 17.8, 17.9, 18.0, 18.1, 18.2, 18.3, 18.4, 18.5, 18.6, 18.7, 18.8, 18.9, 19.0, 19.1, 19.2, 19.3, 19.4, 19.5, 19.6, 19.7, 19.8, 19.9, 20.0, 20.1, 20.2, 20.3, 20.4, 20.5, 20.6, 20.7, 20.8, 20.9, 21.0, 21.1, 21.2, 21.3, 21.4, 21.5, 21.6, 21.7, 21.8, 21.9, 22.0, 22.1, 22.2, 22.3, 22.4, 22.5, 22.6, 22.7, 22.8, 22.9, 23.0, 23.1, 23.2, 23.3, 23.4, 23.5, 23.6, 23.7, 23.8, 23.9, 24.0, 24.1, 24.2, 24.3, 24.4, 24.5, 24.6, 24.7, 24.8, 24.9, 25.0, 25.1, 25.2, 25.3, 25.4, 25.5, 25.6, 25.7, 25.8, 25.9, 26.0, 26.1, 26.2, 26.3, 26.4, 26.5, 26.6, 26.7, 26.8, 26.9, 27.0, 27.1, 27.2, 27.3, 27.4, 27.5, 27.6, 27.7, 27.8, 27.9, 28.0, 28.1, 28.2, 28.3, 28.4, 28.5, 28.6, 28.7, 28.8, 28.9, 29.0, 29.1, 29.2, 29.3, 29.4, 29.5, 29.6, 29.7, 29.8, 29.9, 30.0, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, 30.4, 30.5, 30.6, 30.7, 30.8, 30.9, 31.0, 31.1, 31.2, 31.3, 31.4, 31.5, 31.6, 31.7, 31.8, 31.9, 32.0, 32.1, 32.2, 32.3, 32.4, 32.5, 32.6, 32.7, 32.8, 32.9, 33.0, 33.1, 33.2, 33.3, 33.4, 33.5, 33.6, 33.7, 33.8, 33.9, 34.0, 34.1, 34.2, 34.3, 34.4, 34.5, 34.6, 34.7, 34.8, 34.9, 35.0, 35.1, 35.2, 35.3, 35.4, 35.5, 35.6, 35.7, 35.8, 35.9, 36.0, 36.1, 36.2, 36.3, 36.4, 36.5, 36.6, 36.7, 36.8, 36.9, 37.0, 37.1, 37.2, 37.3, 37.4, 37.5, 37.6, 37.7, 37.8, 37.9, 38.0, 38.1, 38.2, 38.3, 38.4, 38.5, 38.6, 38.7, 38.8, 38.9, 39.0, 39.1, 39.2, 39.3, 39.4, 39.5, 39.6, 39.7, 39.8, 39.9, 40.0, 40.1, 40.2, 40.3, 40.4, 40.5, 40.6, 40.7, 40.8, 40.9, 41.0, 41.1, 41.2, 41.3, 41.4, 41.5, 41.6, 41.7, 41.8, 41.9, 42.0, 42.1, 42.2, 42.3, 42.4, 42.5, 42.6, 42.7, 42.8, 42.9, 43.0, 43.1, 43.2, 43.3, 43.4, 43.5, 43.6, 43.7, 43.8, 43.9, 44.0, 44.1, 44.2, 44.3, 44.4, 44.5, 44.6, 44.7, 44.8, 44.9, 45.0, 45.1, 45.2, 45.3, 45.4, 45.5, 45.6, 45.7, 45.8, 45.9, 46.0, 46.1, 46.2, 46.3, 46.4, 46.5, 46.6, 46.7, 46.8, 46.9, 47.0, 47.1, 47.2, 47.3, 47.4, 47.5, 47.6, 47.7, 47.8, 47.9, 48.0, 48.1, 48.2, 48.3, 48.4, 48.5, 48.6, 48.7, 48.8, 48.9, 49.0, 49.1, 49.2, 49.3, 49.4, 49.5, 49.6, 49.7, 49.8, 49.9, 50.0, 50.1, 50.2, 50.3, 50.4, 50.5, 50.6, 50.7, 50.8, 50.9, 51.0, 51.1, 51.2, 51.3, 51.4, 51.5, 51.6, 51.7, 51.8, 51.9, 52.0, 52.1, 52.2, 52.3, 52.4, 52.5, 52.6, 52.7, 52.8, 52.9, 53.0, 53.1, 53.2, 53.3, 53.4, 53.5, 53.6, 53.7, 53.8, 53.9, 54.0, 54.1, 54.2, 54.3, 54.4, 54.5, 54.6, 54.7, 54.8, 54.9, 55.0, 55.1, 55.2, 55.3, 55.4, 55.5, 55.6, 55.7, 55.8, 55.9, 56.0, 56.1, 56.2, 56.3, 56.4, 56.5, 56.6, 56.7, 56.8, 56.9, 57.0, 57.1, 57.2, 57.3, 57.4, 57.5, 57.6, 57.7, 57.8, 57.9, 58.0, 58.1, 58.2, 58.3, 58.4, 58.5, 58.6, 58.7, 58.8, 58.9, 59.0, 59.1, 59.2, 59.3, 59.4, 59.5, 59.6, 59.7, 59.8, 59.9, 60.0, 60.1, 60.2, 60.3, 60.4, 60.5, 60.6, 60.7, 60.8, 60.9, 61.0, 61.1, 61.2, 61.3, 61.4, 61.5, 61.6, 61.7, 61.8, 61.9, 62.0, 62.1, 62.2, 62.3, 62.4, 62.5, 62.6, 62.7, 62.8, 62.9, 63.0, 63.1, 63.2, 63.3, 63.4, 63.5, 63.6, 63.7, 63.8, 63.9, 64.0, 64.1, 64.2, 64.3, 64.4, 64.5, 64.6, 64.7, 64.8, 64.9, 65.0, 65.1, 65.2, 65.3, 65.4, 65.5, 65.6, 65.7, 65.8, 65.9, 66.0, 66.1, 66.2, 66.3, 66.4, 66.5, 66.6, 66.7, 66.8, 66.9, 67.0, 67.1, 67.2, 67.3, 67.4, 67.5, 67.6, 67.7, 67.8, 67.9, 68.0, 68.1

(List of Deaths & Burials.) Burial, December 19, 1897.	Burial, December 19, 1897.
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TERMS VERY MODERATE.
Consultation Free.
Hingham, April 8, 1896.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.
HONGKONG, JANUARY 30, 1902.

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.THE HONGKONG AMATEUR
DRAMATIC CLUBWILL GIVE PERFORMANCES OF
'Les Cloches de Corneville'on the following dates:—
Saturday, 20th February, 1897.
Monday, 22nd February, 1897.
Wednesday, 24th February, 1897.
Saturday, 27th February, 1897.
Tuesday, 2nd March, 1897.Doors open each night at 8.30 p.m.
Performance at 9 p.m., precisely.

Prices, \$3, \$2 and \$1.

Half-price to Soldiers, Sailors, and Police in
uniform.Late Trains will run 1 hour after the fall
of the curtain.The Booking Office at the Theatre Royal
will be open on and after
WEDNESDAY, 10th February.From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.
E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 12, 1897. 208

Auctions.

AUCTION.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have received in-
structions to sell by Public Auction,
on

TUESDAY,

the 23rd February, 1897, at 3 p.m.
Opposite the City Hall.One registered SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFIN
and upwards of FIFTY PONIES.Suitable for Racing, Polo, &c. Selections
from the Largest Stables.Further entries received until Noon on
day of Sale.HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, February 13, 1897. 324

Intimations.

BANK HOLIDAY.

THE Undersigned BANKS will
be CLOSED for the Transaction
of Public Business, at 11.45 a.m., TO-
MORROW (FRIDAY), the 19th Instant,
respectively.For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Aus-
tralia and China,'
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation,'
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.For the 'National Bank of China, Limited,'
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.For the 'Mercantile Bank of India,
Limited,'
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.For the 'Banque de l'Indo-Chine, Hong-
kong Agency,'
F. AUGUSTIN,
Manager.For the 'Bank of China and Japan, Ltd.,
Hongkong,'
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.For the 'Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.,
NAO. NABEKURA,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 13, 1897. 314

INSURANCE HOLIDAY.

HONGKONG RACES.

THE Undersigned INSURANCE
OFFICES will be CLOSED for the
Transaction of Public Business, at 11.45
a.m., TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 19th
Instant, respectively.JARDINE, MATTHEWS & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
N. J. EDE,
Secretary.Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.,
Acting Agents.North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.,
W. E. RAY,
Secretary.China Traders Insurance Co., Ltd.,
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.,
GEORGE L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary.China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Wm. MACBEAN,
Manager.The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, February 13, 1897. 305

WEEKLY NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail.

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of each steamer and Express Mail
Steamer for Europe. It contains special
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Shipping, and other information. The
various Reports of Courts and Meetings,
and all other news, are given in full as
they appear in the Daily Press, by the con-
venience of the form and the accuracy and
fullness of its reports, has long been popular
with residents who wish to send home a
weekly budget of the news of Hongkong
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To-day's Advertisements.

LAST THREE NIGHTS.

WILLISON'S CIRCUS.

LAST THREE NIGHTS.

TRIAL SCENES

IN THE

Grand Struggle for Supremacy.

TUG-OF-WAR.

Continued TO-NIGHT.

OUR RACE PROGRAMME

Received last evening with intense Enthu-
siasm.—4.15 P.M.—THE VILLES—Willis-
on in their New and Novel Act.

LAST THREE NIGHTS

of the Great Show.

TO-MORROW (FRIDAY),

Grand Fashionable Night

Under the Distinguished Patronage and in
the immediate Presence of
His Excellency the Governor
SIR WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.Special Programme in
Honour of the Auspicious Occasion.

SATURDAY, LAST DAY

AT 4 P.M.

Children Admitted FREE.

For Particulars see Bill.

SATURDAY NIGHT FAREWELL.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

Boxes to Seat 6 Persons ... \$12.00

One Seat in a Box ... 2.00

First Chaise ... 1.50

Second Chaise ... 1.00

European Gallery ... 50

Gallery for Chinese only ... 30

BET WILLISON.

Hongkong, February 18, 1897. 349

DIOCESAN SCHOOL & ORPHANAGE.

SCHOOL DUTIES will be Resumed on

MONDAY, the 22nd Instant.

For Terms for Boarders or Day Scholars,
Apply to the Head Master.

Hongkong, February 13, 1897. 351

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM

NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LIVERPOOL, NEWPORT

AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship Ningchow,

having arrived from the above Ports,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed
that this Cargo is being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG
& KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWNS CO.,
Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Claims must be sent to the Office of the
Undersigned before Noon, on the 25th
Instant, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the Thursday, the
25th Inst., at 3 a.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and
any Goods remaining in the Godowns after
the 25th Instant will be subject to rent.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before
Noon, To-day.Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 13, 1897. 354

MUGIL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND

YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship

Sikh, Captain ROWLEY, will be

despatched on Wednesday TO-

MORROW, the 19th Instant, at Noon,

instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 13, 1897. 300

SHELL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES.

The Co's Steamship

Baltimore, Captain DAVIES, will be

despatched as above on

MONDAY, the 22nd Instant.

For Freight, apply to
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
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Hongkong, February 13, 1897. 353

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(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEEN-
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ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

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A Stowage and a daily qualified Surge-
on are carried.For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports.	Chingta (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 19, daylight.
Australian Ports.	Albi (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 27.
Bremen & Ports of Call.	Prinzess (s).	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	Mar. 2, at 9 a.m.
Japan.	Verona (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 26, at noon.
Kobe.	Taiwan (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 20, daylight.
London.	Ontario (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 6.
London.	Java (s).	Holliday, Wise & Co.	About March 18.
London.	Ravenna (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	About March 8.
London.	Prometheus (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	March 1.
Marseilles.	Bullmouth (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	February 22.
New York, via Suez Canal.	Esperanza (s).	O. & G. S. N. Co.	Feb. 24, daylight.
S. Francisco, via Suez Canal.	City of Rio de Janeiro (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 20, at noon.
S. Francisco.	Falls of Des.	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
San Francisco.	Sumbawa (s).	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
San Francisco.	Colonia (s).	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Feb. 20, at 2 p.m.
Shanghai.	Koella (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	About Feb. 21.
Shanghai.	Kaiser-Hind (s).	Sander & Co.	About Feb. 22.
Shanghai.	Marla Valerie (s).	Sander & Co.	About Feb. 22.
S'pore.	Harve & H'burg (s).	Dodwell, Carill & Co.	Feb. 19, at noon.
S'pore.	Pennac & C'te (s).	Siemssen & Co.	Feb. 20, at 5 p.m.
S'pore.	Stang & S'pang (s).	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Feb. 20, at 3 p.m.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c.	Bransford (s).	Douglas, Lapraik & Co.	Feb. 19, daylight.
Tientsin.	Kwaiyang (s).	Dodwell, Carill & Co.	February 25.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.	Empress of Japan (s).	Canadian P.N. Co.	March 17, at noon.

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received in-
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TUESDAY,

the 23rd February, 1897, at 2.30 p.m.,
at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

(For Sunday Account).

Comprising:—

TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING ROOM

SOFA.

MARBLE TOP CENTRE and SIDE TABLES.

BEVELLED GLASS OVERMANTLES, PICTURES

AND ORNAMENTS.

BUCKLE CHAIRS, HEARTH RUGS.

EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SUPERBOARD

WITH BEVELLED GLASS, DINING WAGGONS,

GLASS—HOBBAKE, DISKS, and WAITING

TABLES.

CROCKERY, GLASS and PLATED WARE.

DRESSING and SHOWER IRON BATHSTOPS.

WARDROBES with and without GLASS

DOORS, CREST of DRAWERS, DRESSING

TABLE and MARBLED TOP WASHSTANDS.

ONE CAMERA, ONE VIOLONCELLO

and ONE CLARINET, ONE BICYCLE.

Etc., Etc., Etc.

TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 13, 1897. 355

MUGIL LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP SIKH.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL

AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby in-
formed that all Goods are being
landed at their risk into the Godowns of
the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF AND
GODOWNS CO., at Kowloon, whence and/or
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No Claims will be admitted after the
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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

February 18.—

Toisong, British str., from Canton.

Kaiyong, British str., from Canton.

Sikh, British steamer, 1,735 Tons.

Liverpool and Singapore Feb. 9, General.

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MAILS FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Formosa leaves for S'pore, &c.

Daylight.—Chingta leaves for Australian
Ports.

Noon.—Sikh leaves for Shanghai, &c.

Meeting.

9 p.m.—Convocation of Victoria Chap-
ter.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—William's World Circus and
Trained Animal Exhibition, on the Re-
clamation Ground, back of the City
Hall.

Miscellaneous.

11.45 a.m.—Insurance Office closed.

11.45 a.m.—Local Banks close.

(Goods per Bombay not cleared after 4
p.m. subject to rain).

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, February 20.—

9 a.m.—A. D. C. Performance of 'Les
Cloches de Corneville' at City Hall.

MONDAY, February 22.—

9 a.m.—Re-opening of Queen's College.

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.,
Ltd., at the Company's Office.Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
Hampshire Estate and Finance Co.,
Ltd., at the Registered Office of the
Company, 33 and 40, Queen's Road
Central.

TUESDAY, February 23.—

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Co., Ltd., at the Company's
Office, No. 4, Pavs Central.2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, &c., at Mr. J. M. Armstrong's.3 p.m.—Auction of Pianos at opposite
the City Hall.

WEDNESDAY, February 24.—

10 a.m.—Tender supplying Sandries
received by Royal Stores.3 p.m.—Meeting of Euben Mark Lodge.
Goods per Sikh undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL.")

LONDON, 16th February, 1897.

GREECE AND CRETE.

The Greek troops have landed in Crete, and have captured Fort Agia near Cana, with 400 Mussulmans, including 100 Turkish soldiers.

GREECE AND THE POWERS.

Foreign Marines have occupied Cana in Crete.

Greece is defying the Powers and has informed the various Ambassadors that she will continue to despatch troops to Crete.

THE BENIN EXPEDITION.

The naval brigade advancing to Benin has met with stubborn opposition. Commander Pritchard has been killed and Lieut. Edward Hunt and Captain Cox wounded.

(Lieut. and Commander Charles E. Pritchard was in command of the *Albatross*, a paddle gunboat of special construction, attached to the Cape of Good Hope Squadron for river work on the West Coast of Africa. Lieut. Edward Duke Hunt was Commander of the gunboat *Widgeon*. According to the latest edition of the Navy List, the *Widgeon* was to be paid off and re-commissioned at Simon's Bay, on the arrival of the *Melpomene*, and Commander Hunt was to be succeeded by Lieut. and Commander John H. B. Burder. It is impossible to trace Captain Cox's identity in the Navy or Army Lists, so it may be presumed he is an officer holding local rank.—En., C.M.)

WEATHER NOTICE.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 16th at 11.25 a. The high pressure area has spread Eastward and covers now the Sea of Japan. On the China Coast pressure has commenced to give way again. Forecast:—moderate to fresh N.E. winds; cloudy, some drizzling rain or mist.

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A RETURN to the end of 1896 gives Japan's existing railways at 4,690 miles, and 1843 miles under construction, and 12,351 miles projected in new schemes. All these united represent in their working a capital of over 972 million yen.

The *Nord* (Paris) publishes some accounts of the Russian fleet in the Black Sea, which prove it to be formidable. There are seven line-of-battle ships ranging between 6,000 and 12,000 tons, two armored cruisers, two torpedo-cruisers, twenty-three torpedo-boats and eleven minesweepers belonging to the volunteer fleet. The latter are not armored, but carry six to fourteen quick-firing guns. Three of them are steam-turbine driven, and one is not thought to be a Turkey can prevent the progress of this powerful fleet.

The editors of *The Zoologist* have drawn up a table that indicates approximately the number of the living species of animals. The following are the figures given: Mammals, 2,500; reptiles and batrachians, 4,400; turtles, 900; birds, 150; crustaceans, 20,000; insects, 3,000; echinoderms, 4,000; celenterates, 2,000; protozoans, 4,100; birds, 12,500; fishes, 12,000; mollusks, 50,000; bryozoans, 1,800; annelids, 10,000; insects, 230,000; worms, 6,150; sponges, 1,500; General total, 365,000 distinct species.

A SUMMARY has been prepared by the editorial secretary of the American Board of Foreign Mission of Protestant foreign mission work throughout the world. Compared with last year the total increase in contributions has been \$1,100,000. In the United States there was a decrease of about \$750,000. The communications have increased by \$4,000,000. In the United States, Canada, Great Britain, continental Europe, Australia, India, Africa, etc., there are 267 societies, 4,925 stations, 14,037 outstations, 6,336 male missionaries, 5,676 female missionaries, 90,164 native laborers, and 1,221,176 communicants. The income is \$125,640,243.

A WRITER in the *New Review*, who—perhaps wisely—conceals his identity under four asterisks, has certainly in propounding the question, "Are we an athletic people?" and answering it in the negative, attacked Englishmen in a tender spot. Sturdy John Bull can hardly be expected to wish being called that he is essentially unathletic. The Englishman as the writer early states—does not play his national games nowadays, but looks on watching professionals play them for him, taking his football and cricket as vicariously as the Spaniard takes his equally national bull-fighting. The wind of criticism, however, is blown to the shore of Englishmen, for the article goes on to show that the nation who have practiced athletics as a fine art have invariably gone under in the struggle for life before other nations, technically speaking, unathletic.

Believe me the current estimates of the velocity of flight of pigeons were not accurate, Mr. C. B. Keene has, according to *Apidote's Pigeon Science*, been making new measurements of it. He says that magazine: "He found that, while some birds could maintain a speed of about 1,170 yards a minute, the speed of the majority, or 75 per cent. of those observed, was between about 800 and 1,170 yards a minute. The highest speed observed by him of young pigeons was about 1,382 yards a minute. Mr. Felix Robertson, who has also made careful observations, believes in the possibility of pigeons flying 75 miles an hour. Observations show that they fly, probably faster than the best express train. Their speed, in Mr. Robertson's view, is even much greater than it appears; for they cannot fly in a straight line as the express train runs; but are obliged to make zigzag and detours, as they are so turned by varying currents in the air."

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HONGKONG RACES, 1897.

Stewards:—His Excellency Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G.; His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Alex. Miller, K.C.B.; His Excellency Major-General W. H. Black, C.B.; Commodore S. O. Holland, R.N., A.D.C.; Lieut.-Colonel The O'Gorman, C.S.G.; The Hon. J. J. Ball, Esq.; The Hon. C. P. Carter, Esq.; A. Corbin, Esq.; D. Gillies, Esq.; R. M. Gray, Esq.; M. Grote, Esq.; C. F. Harton, Esq.; T. Jackson, Esq.; The Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G.; The Hon. T. H. Whitehead.

Clerk of Stables:—C. I. Harton, Esq. Judge:—Hon. C. P. Carter, Esq. Starter:—M. Grote, Esq. Second Starter:—C. H. Ross, Esq. Hon. Treasurer:—A. Corbin, Esq. Clerk of the Course:—T. F. Hough, Esq.

SECOND DAY.—Thursday, Feb. 18.

The second day of the race meeting opened brighter than yesterday, cold though, but the weather being experienced all day. During the earlier part of the day there was not such a large attendance of spectators, but as the afternoon advanced there was a large attendance as on the previous day. The course was in excellent condition, and although small fields were again the order of the day, some very good finishes took place. Previous to the 11th hour Mr. Master distinguished himself by winning the first two races, and was placed third in the Garrison Cup. The dead heat was run off after 11th between *White Rose* and *Glenmore*. A capital race took place between these two ponies, and *Glenmore* won by a slight head at the start kept to the fore, and down the straight a fine race home took place, *Glenmore* winning by two lengths and a half. Time—2 min. 40½ sec. Surgeon-Captain Edye, in the race for the Jockey Cup, was badly thrown by *Waleful Joe*, owing to slack saddle girths. He escaped with slight injuries to his shoulder. The pony continued running down the course, and passed the winning post a few lengths in front of the winner.

THE SCURRY STAKES: a sweepstakes of \$10 each; for China ponies, one mile, on the date of entry, weight for age, one mile, per scale; winners 15s. extra. One mile. Mr. John Peel's *Crabapple* (Mr. Master), 11.1 1. Messrs McKie and Gove's *Glendeth* (Mr. Crawford), 10.9 2. Mr. Buxey's *Black Rock* (Mr. Reynolds), 10.9 3. Mr. Tait's *Polo* (Mr. May), 10.12 3. Mr. Tait's *Blue* (Mr. Cox), 11.7 0. Mr. Newby's *Starling* (Mr. H. Buck), 11.4 0. Mr. Bobjak's *Savoy* (Mr. Jones), 10.9 0. The *Rogue* broke away twice before the start, and *Black Rock* was very stubborn. A good start was ultimately secured, and on passing the Grand Stand *Savoy* was leading and *Polo* was in second place, with *Black Rock* and *Starling* coming behind. *Black Rock* gradually drew up and on passing the Bridge was leading by about two lengths, with *Savoy* and *Polo* close upon his heels. *Starling* fifth, and *The Rogue* several lengths behind. Going up the hill *Polo* and *Savoy* drew up, and at the Rock had almost overtaken *Black Rock*. Then *Crabapple* came up gracefully on the outside and took third place, and on entering the straight *Black Rock*, *Crabapple* and *Glendeth* were running abreast. *Crabapple* was rushed forward and soon took a lead of half-length, ultimately winning by three lengths, with *Glendeth* second, *Black Rock* third. Time—1 min. 54 sec.

THE EXCHANGE PLATE: presented by the bankers and exchange brokers of Hongkong; second pony to receive \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; *bona fide* geldings on date of entry allowed 15s. extra; at this meeting 15s. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and three quarters. Mr. John Peel's *Red Fish* (Mr. Master), 11.1 1. Mr. Buxey's *Surprise* (Mr. Reynolds), 10.12 2. Mr. Gustav's *Blue Pig* (Mr. Samson), 10.10 3. Mr. Bobjak's *Savoy* (Mr. Jones), 10.10 3. *Surprise* took the lead at the start and continued to do so throughout the race; *Blue Pig* was second, *Red Fish* third and *Savoy* last, the horses going easily. At the Rock *Surprise* had a lead of two and a half lengths, but *Red Fish* came abreast of him on passing the village, *Blue Pig* and *Savoy* racing together. In this order they passed the Grand Stand, *Surprise* leading by a length, *Savoy* led behind four lengths at the Bridge. Downhill *Surprise* increased his lead to two lengths, *Blue Pig* being six lengths behind *Red Fish* third, *Savoy* out of the race. At the bend *Red Fish* came up to *Surprise* and a capital race home took place, *Red Fish* winning by three-quarters, *Blue Pig* third. Time—3 min. 39 sec.

THE GAUSSEUR CUP: presented by the officers of the garrison; second pony to receive \$50; for China ponies, one mile, on the date of entry, weight for age, one mile, per scale; winners 15s. extra; at this meeting 15s. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter. Messrs McKie and Gove's *Glendeth* (Mr. Crawford), 11.1 1. Mr. Buxey's *White Pig* (Mr. Reynolds), 11.1 2. Mr. John Peel's *Starling* (Mr. Master), 11.1 3. Mr. John Peel's *Starling* (Mr. H. Buck), 11.1 3. Mr. Gustav's *Red Fish* (Mr. Samson), 11.4 0. This was a very close race, and the finish was a surprise. *White Pig* was leading at the start, with *Glendeth* second on the rails, and *Starling* third close up. As the Bridge *Red Fish* fell behind, and *Glenmore* came up to third position close to *Starling*. *White Pig* and *Starling* were going down hill, the other two ponies were out of the running, having the straight.

White Rose, *Silver Bell* and *Glenmore* were abreast and *Silver Bell* was left behind on nearing the post. *White Rose* and *Glenmore* finishing a dead heat; *Silver Bell* about three lengths behind. Time—2 min. 44 sec.

THE GERMAN CUP: presented by members of the German Club; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for subscription geldings of this race, 1896-97; weight for inches as per scale; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter. Messrs McKie and Gove's *Glendeth* (Mr. Crawford), 11.1 1. Mr. Dryden's *Starling* (Mr. Hunt), 10.12 2. Mr. Buxey's *Starling* (Mr. Reynolds), 11.4 3. Mr. Gustav's *Blue Pig* (Mr. Samson), 11.4 0. Mr. John Peel's *Starling* (Mr. Master), 10.12 0. Mr. Stern's *Da Capo* (Mr. Cox), 10.12 0. Messrs G. Stewart and Loveland's *Boomerang* (Mr. Master), 10.12 0. Mr. Buxey's *White Pig* (Mr. Reynolds), 10.12 0. Dr. Noble's *Humbly* (Mr. H. Buck), 11.1 0.

After three or four false starts, *Haste-away* took the lead to a fairly good start. *Sport*, *Hopful* and *Humbly* soon passed *Haste-away*, and *Glenmore* was running fifth. They went up the hill in a procession. *Humbly* shot forward and took the lead, *Hopful* and *Sport* second, and *Glenmore* came up to fourth position. Passing the village *Glenmore* assumed the lead by about five lengths, and won easily by about half-a-dozen lengths; *Glenmore* second, *Sport* third. Time—2 min. 45 sec.

THE PROFESSIONAL CUP: presented; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners of one race at this meeting 15s. extra; at this meeting 15s. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter. Messrs McKie and Gove's *Glendeth* (Mr. Crawford), 11.1 1. Mr. John Peel's *Heatherbell* (Mr. Master), 11.1 2. Mr. Buxey's *Starling* (Mr. Reynolds), 11.1 3. Mr. Buxey's *Dundane* (Mr. H. Buck), 11.8 0. Mr. John Peel's *Tocain* (Mr. Green), 11.4 0. Mr. Bobjak's *Savoy* (Mr. Jones), 11.1 0.

Heatherbell was the first to get away with a lead of a length and a half, followed by *Comet* and *Savoy*. Passing the Sand the order was *Comet*, *Heatherbell*, *Savoy*, *Tocain* and *Redfish*. Passing the plantation *Savoy* went past *Heatherbell*, *Redfish* showed signs of improving going uphill, while *Heatherbell* had fallen a length behind *Comet* and *Savoy*. Going down hill *Savoy* was beaten off, and *Heatherbell* caught up *Comet* at the village. This pair now had a clear lead of four lengths. At the bend, however, *Redfish* came forward with a bound, and a splendid race home ensued, *Redfish* winning by half-a-length off *Heatherbell*; *Comet* third. Time—2 min. 44 sec.

THE JOCKEY CUP: value \$150; second pony to receive \$50; for subscription ponies of any season, winners excluded 10s. to be ridden by jockeys who have never had a winning mount previous to this meeting in Hongkong or China; weight for inches as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile. Mr. H. Buck's *Crabapple* (Mr. Cox), 10.12 1. Mr. Waybong's *Ondine* (Mr. Anderson), 11.1 2. Mr. G. Stewart and Loveland's *Harbinger* (Mr. Loveland), 11.2 3. Mr. Bobjak's *Savoy* (Mr. Jones), 11.1 0. Mr. Tait's *Waleful Joe* (Mr. May), 11.1 0.

Waleful Joe went off as a great pace at the start and it was evident that Captain Edye was badly mounted, as his saddle was slipping. Nevertheless he stuck gamely to his pony and went round, with *Harbinger* second and *Ondine* third. The jockey maintained the original order past the Black Rock and down the hill, when, through the saddle shifting, *Ondine* was thrown at the village. Here *Crabapple* came up, and passed hard by the riderless *Waleful Joe*, was by about two lengths; *Crabapple* second, *Harbinger* third. *Ondine* was carrying six pounds over weight. Time—2 min. 18 sec.

THE EXCHANGE STAKES: a sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$100 added; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; subscription ponies of any season winners allowed 15s. extra; previous winners at this meeting 7½s. extra. Three-quarters of a mile. Messrs G. Stewart and Loveland's *Boomerang* (Mr. Master), 10.12 1. Mr. Arnold's *Starling* (Mr. Cox), 10.12 2. Mr. Dryden's *Shiny Villain* (Mr. Hunt), 11.4 3. Mr. Worthing's *Beltranger* (Mr. Crawford), 11.4 0.

Mr. Gustav's *Competitor* (Mr. Samson), 11.4 0. Mr. Bobjak's *Savoy* (Mr. Jones), 10.10 0. Mr. Buxey's *Kurtus* (Mr. May), 10.9 0. Dr. Noble's *Grey Leg* (Mr. Loveland), 11.2 0. Mr. Buxey's *Congo* (Mr. H. Buck), 11.1 0. Mr. Dryden's *Proctor Marshall* (Mr. Jones), 11.8 0. Great difficulty was experienced in getting off the large field and a staggering start was made. *Beltranger* being first and *Congo* third. Going up the hill *Congo* went first, with *Shiny Villain* second. *Black Rock* came away from the rack going down hill and soon assumed first place, being a length and a half to the front at the village. *Boomerang* and *Starling* followed, having come away and the former ran *Black Rock* hard for first place, but the dark pony won by a length. The race was done in very quick time—1 min. 58½ sec.

THE TAI YUK FORD CUP: value \$200; presented by J. D. Humphreys, Esq.; second pony to receive \$60; for China ponies, one mile, on the date of entry, weight for age, one mile, per scale, one mile, per scale; winners 15s. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and a half. Mr. Buxey's *Black Eagle* (Mr. Reynolds), 11.1 1. Mr. Newman's *Shiny Villain* (Mr. Green), 11.1 2.

At the last moment *Starling* was put up as having entered, but he did not put in an appearance at the start. *Black Eagle* went away with a slight lead, and won easily. Time—3 min. 26½ sec.

THE NAVY CUP: presented by officers of H.M. Fleet; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting of one race 15s. extra; of two races 7½s. extra; of three or more races 10½s. extra; non-winners at this meeting excluded; entrance \$10. One mile and a half. Mr. John Peel's *Pineapple* (Mr. Master), 11.0 1. Mr. Dryden's *Starling* (Mr. Hunt), 11.0 2. Mr. Stern's *Da Capo* (Mr. Jones), 11.1 3. To a very bad start *Pineapple* was leading by a length from *Bravo*, leading the straight they were all abreast and there was no change till after passing the Grand Stand, when *Pineapple* and *Savoy* went forward. *Pineapple* slightly increased his lead at the plantation and continued in the same position till going down hill when he again slightly increased his lead. In the straight *Bravo* was left behind, and *Pineapple* won by about a length and a half. Time—3 min. 19½ sec.

THE GYMNASIA STAKES: value \$150, presented by the Gymnasium; second pony to receive \$50; for subscription ponies of any season; winners and previous non-winners excluded; first pony to receive 70 per cent. second, 20 per cent. third, 10 per cent.; weight for inches as per scale. One mile. Dr. Noble's *Humbly* (Mr. Master), 11.1 1. Mr. Buxey's *Sport* (Mr. Reynolds), 11.1 2. Mr. Stern's *Da Capo* (Mr. Jones), 10.12 3. Mr. Stern's *Starling* (Mr. Hunt), 10.12 0. Mr. Quinlan's *Query* (Mr. Gedge), 11.1 0. Mr. Waybong's *Ondine* (Mr. Samson), 11.1 0.

The Neighbour's *Landsturm* (Mr. Jones), 11.7 0. A very good start was made, and *Landsturm* was very restive at the post went off to the front, *Humbly* second. Passing the bridge *Da Capo* passed *Humbly*, but the latter soon recovered himself and pulled up on *Landsturm* who was two lengths ahead going down the hill. *Sport* came up on the mile at the bend, and the race was a good one home between *Humbly* and *Sport*, while *Da Capo* outdistanced *Landsturm*. Time—2 min. 12 sec.

THE MAIL SUBSIDY. THE PROPOSED CONTRIBUTION BY HONGKONG. Singapore, Feb. 3. We would direct the attention of the Chamber of Commerce and the Unofficial Members of Council to our special telegram from Hongkong regarding a contribution which the Government of State asks the Hongkong Government to make towards the mail subsidy. It is announced that a sum of \$100,000 is asked for, and it is also declared that the Colony will 'probably' oppose this demand. So we should think. We understand that the demand has been as yet made on the Colony, but we believe that some communications have passed or are passing between the Secretary of State and the Government of the Colony, discussing the fact that some Unofficial member (say the representative of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Sheldford) might take an opportunity of asking a question as to this, and for correspondence, if any, to be laid on the table of the Legislative Council. The fact that some Unofficial member has been asked for from Hongkong would make it seem as though the Hongkong Government had some to a decision in their mind about the contract itself. There is the possibility that the demand on Hongkong may really rest only on Shanghai-Hongkong section of the mail run, using that other places in the East which have not yet been asked for contributions have no interest in that section of the mail line. We do not know whether the Municipality of Shanghai has been approached at this point, but it is quite likely that as the Imperial interest terminates at Hongkong, the mail subsidy to be paid does not cover the Hongkong-Shanghai-Yokohama sections. But as the Yokohama mails are transhipped, and Shanghai is almost equally interested in both routes, we do not quite see that any Hongkong interest should be so considerable as to be represented by that sum. Hongkong, like Singapore, is a mail collecting and distributing focus, and it is not logical to consider and to act on the assumption that these places alone are concerned in the matter of mail subsidies. As a matter of fact it is the cable, not the mail steamer, that is the chief medium for effecting large commercial transactions. We shall wait with interest further information as to the exact character of the claim now being advanced, and as to the arguments by which that claim is supported by the Secretary of State.—*Singapore Free Press*.

PARKE—I can remember before I was married that I was tired of everything utterly blasé. "Luna—Things are different now? I should say so; now it's a real pleasure to go to the club."

In the Red Gulch Wayfarer's Rest.—Western Guest—Look here, waiter, I can't drink this coffee. Waiter (with a brace of revolvers in his belt)—Well, you can't eat it, that's dead sure; so I guess you'll have to go without.

"HAVE you made any progress in your lessons on the bicycle?" "Yes, replied the man with a gentle disposition. "Do you ride into the country yet?" "Oh, no," said the other, "I haven't mentioned. I don't don't think I hurt myself so much when I fall off."

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CORRESPONDENCE.

AN INTERESTING LEGAL QUERY.

The Editor of the "China Mail."

Dear Sir,—I should be obliged for an answer to the following question:—Have persons convicted of murder and sentenced to death the right to dispose of their estates? Thinking you in anticipation—I am, yours, &c., LEX.

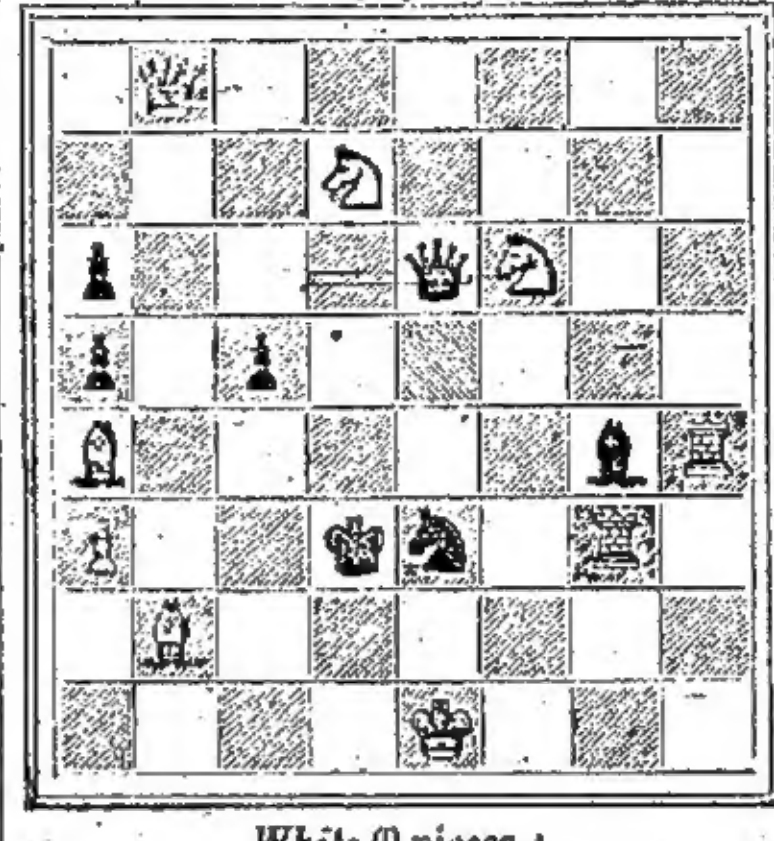
[A person convicted of murder and sentenced to death may dispose of his (or her) estate according to his (or her) own wishes. The old statute confiscating the estates of condemned persons is repealed.—Ed., C.M.]

CHESS COLUMN.

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Communications should be addressed, "Chess Column," China Mail Office. Original Problems should be accompanied by Solution and Analysis. The Hongkong Chess Club meets every Monday, Thursday and Friday from four till half past seven p.m. at Thomas's Grill Room.

Problem No. 31. By W. MENDELTH. Black (7 pieces).



White (6 pieces.)

Solution to Problem No. 2 by A. E. MORCOT. 1. Q-K4, 1. K-P3, 2. K-P4 and Q mates next move. J. C. C.—No. 30 cannot be solved by Q-K4.

Hongkong, Feb. 18. For the Smokers last week Cooke beat Badlura and Levi beat Clow. For the non-smokers, O'Gorman beat Mirov and Pollock beat Moses. Thus the match resulted in equality—2 to 2, as it was impossible to find a fifth non-smoker to play Barker. In the sixth round of the Tourney, Barlow beat O'Gorman, de Souza beat Pollock and Danenberg beat Levi. The score stands at present, Pollock and de Souza each 4, O'Gorman and Danenberg each 3, Levi and Barlow each 2, Fidgeon 1.

In the final round, Pollock has to play O'Gorman, Souza to play Levi, and Danenberg plays Fidgeon; Barlow a bye. Mr. Moses is playing Mr. de Souza for the Championship.

In the sweet Swan of Avon's classic page, it stands recorded, "All the world's a stage," Had it so phrased it, it were true no less, That human life is but a game of chess. For mark the parallel; both here and there Who plays the game must not upon the squares. Life is not beer and bottles, nor is chess; The decks are frequent, as ahead we press: But into this grand secret I will tell you all, Only leave, no chess shall be perpetual. The old and young, the married and the single, We take our chances, as the game we—single.

But the gay bachelor, now snug in clover, Will find when met that the game is over. Let the new woman do the scene appear, Plan for the Queen the spacious field she wears. Let her beware, as o'er the board she angles, Lest in the thrilling contest's many changes, She be the hapless partner of her fate Pushed in a corner, fall—a smothered mate!

Howlards and army figures in the fight—Is symbolized by the Bishop and the Knight. The Bishop, bold and orthodox, In combat defends the apostolic knocker. Nor war yields, for move him as you will, He marches not but keeps his colour still. The Knight, brave soldier, springs at duty's call. Prepared to fight, on sacrifice, to fall. The steady Rook may stand for house and home, A tower of strength, when to the close we come. For use it is, for lord and vassal. The king of every Zikron is his castle. The horse is labour's army; on they tend Persistent in resolve to gain their end: This thought the mainstay of their long devotion, The pal once reached, then comes the sure promotion. But by clock runs against me, and 'tis time I'll out the box and finish in a trice; But but will tender all this sage advice: In life you've sours; in chess you've fawns; Beware, serve them alike—just take them both—in passing.

JOHN CLARK, M.A.

Game No. 80. PLAYED IN AMERICA, ABOUT 1880. Boden's Attack.

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CANTON.			
<i>Foreign Name.</i>	<i>Flag & Reg.</i>	<i>Tonnage.</i>	<i>Destination.</i>
Kalzen	Brit.	str.	
Kwoilin	Brit.	str.	
Kweijang	Brit.	str.	
Retriever	Amer.	sch.	
Taiyang	Brit.	str.	
AMOY.			
In port on February 13, 1897.			
MERCHANT STEAMERS.			
Frejr	Dutch		
Valox	German		
SHANGHAI.			
In port on February 12, 1897.			
MERCHANT STEAMERS.			
Ariol	Norwegian		
Benzahr	British		
Chargon	British		
Chefoo	British		
Ching-ping	Chinese		
Chiyuen	Chinese		
Chongrieng	Korean		
Chungking	British		
Yoching	British		
Feechow	British		
Fukwo	British		
Fungshan	Chinese		
Fuping	Chinese		
Haeahin	Chinese		
Hait-fung	Chinese		
Irene	Chinese		
Kelgan	British		
Kiangkwan	Chinese		
Kiangzu	Chinese		
Kungking	Chinese		
Kwangchi	Chinese		
Loe Yuen	Chinese		
Lienshing	British		
Loongmoon	German		
Natal	French		
Neator	British		
Pakboi	British		
Pechili	British		
Prima	British		
Ravenna	British		
Saikio Maru	Japanese		
Shongking	British		
Sinzen	British		
Store Nordiska	Danish		
Tientsin	British		
Woochow	British		
Wingwang	British		
Wooioix	Chinese		
Woooung	British		
Yanwo	British		
Yungching	Chinese		
Yungping	Chinese		
MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.			
Alice A. Leigh	Brit.	sh.	
Alice Mary	Brit.	bqe.	
Benjamin Sewall	Amer.	bqe.	

Cortest	Brit.	bgs.
E. F. Whitney	Amer.	sh.
Kitty	Brit.	bgs.
Luzon	Amer.	sh.
Valkyrien	Brit.	bgs.
Walter Siegfriedt	Brit.	bgs.

NAGASAKI.

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MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.

Adolf	Ger.	sh.
Gen. Curtis	Amer.	sh.

KOBE.

In port on February 2nd, 1897.

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Eclipse	Amer.	sh.
Imperheros	Brit.	sh.
Owenside	Brit.	bgs.
Spokane	Amer.	sch.
Vimeria	Brit.	bgs.

YOKOHAMA.

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Boring	Rus.	barkentine.
Diana	Amer.	sch.
Englehorn	Brit.	sh.

Golden Fleeco	Amer. sch.
Folmer	Amer. sch.
Princes Robert	Norw. sh.
Silver Fleeco	Amer. sch.
Sonoma	Amer. bge.
Tolna	Am. yacht
MAMILLA.	
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Aranda	Brit. sh.
Buckteuch	Brit. sh.
Edward May	Amer. bge.
Elcano	Span. str.
Freiburg	Ger. sh.
Gladon	Brit. bge.
Glenhurst	Brit. str.
Isa de Looth	Span. str.
Isa de Panny	Span. sh.
Jennie Markuse	Amer. bge.
J. V. Troop	Brit. sh.
J. An Macleod	Brit. str.
Kirkcaldie	Brit. str.
Magallanes	Span. sh.
Maitley Hall	Brit. sh.
Nees	Brit. str.
Saranic	Am'r. sh.
ILOILO.	
In port on February 1st, 1897.	
Aranda	Brit. sh.
Ludikh	Brit. str.
BANGKOK.	
In port on January 25th, 1897.	
ARRIVANT SAILING VESSELS.	
Cherson Wattabsum	bge.
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10th to 25th February.

HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
U. S.	H.	Height.	Time.	U. S.	H.	Height.	Time.
Jan. 10	10	10.10	10.10	Jan. 10	10	10.10	10.10
Jan. 11	11	11.11	11.11	Jan. 11	11	11.11	11.11
Jan. 12	12	12.12	12.12	Jan. 12	12	12.12	12.12
Jan. 13	13	13.13	13.13	Jan. 13	13	13.13	13.13
Jan. 14	14	14.14	14.14	Jan. 14	14	14.14	14.14
Jan. 15	15	15.15	15.15	Jan. 15	15	15.15	15.15
Jan. 16	16	16.16	16.16	Jan. 16	16	16.16	16.16
Jan. 17	17	17.17	17.17	Jan. 17	17	17.17	17.17
Jan. 18	18	18.18	18.18	Jan. 18	18	18.18	18.18
Jan. 19	19	19.19	19.19	Jan. 19	19	19.19	19.19
Jan. 20	20	20.20	20.20	Jan. 20	20	20.20	20.20
Jan. 21	21	21.21					

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In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over two ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements of the same paper and the same date. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though Written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, receipts, copies, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books.

The sender of a Registered Article for a Union Country may obtain an acknowledgment of delivery on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces except to Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Congo Free State, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Greece, Guatemala, Hawaii, Honduras, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Persia, Peru, Portugal, Roumania, Salvador, Serbia, Siam, Spain, Switzerland, Tunis, The Argentine Republic, The Dominican Republic, The Republic of Honduras, United States, to which places 15 cts. (350 grammes) is the limit, and must not exceed these dimensions: 12 inches by 8 inches by 4 inches.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise all civilized countries.

Postage to the United Kingdom.

Letters, 10 cents per 1/2 oz.

Post Cards, 4 cents each.

Registration, 10 cents.

Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route:—

Letters, 10 cents per 1/2 oz.

Post Cards, 4 cents each.

Reply Post Cards, 8 cents each.

Registration, 10 cents.

Newspapers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

The General Local Rates for Hongkong, China and Treaty Ports (Canton excepted) are:—

Letters per 1/2 oz., 5 cents (c).

Post Cards, each, 1 cent.

Reply Post Cards, each, 2 cents.

Books and Patterns, per 2 oz., 5 cents.

Newspapers and Prices Current, 2 cents per 2 oz.

Registration, 5 cents.

(c) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao 3 cents.

Local Delivery.

All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day.

Down (Ship Street to Bonham Road) at 8 a.m. 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m., unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mail.

Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unsealed, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern packets.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Notes or Jewellery and where Registration has been neglected, WILL MAKE NO EXEMPTIONS into alleged losses of such letters.

It is forbidden to insert in ordinary or Registered Correspondence (a) Current Coin (b) Articles liable to Customs Duty.

Parcel Post to the United Kingdom.

Parcels not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight are received in Hongkong and at British Post Offices in China, for transmission to the United Kingdom by P. & O. Packet and Gibraltar.

Overland Mail by British India. Parcels arrive in London about eight days later than the Mail. Parcels may be sealed, but any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to be opened for examination.

Parcels must be posted in Hongkong before 3 p.m. on the day before the departure of the Mail. Those arriving from the Coast, &c., after this hour are kept for the following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 40 cents per lb., and 25 cents per lb. exceeding 1 lb. or fraction of a lb. which includes Registration fee, and must be prepaid in stamps. No further charge is made in the United Kingdom except for Customs duties. No parcel must be more than 3 feet 6 inches in length, or 6 feet in greatest length and girth combined. A receipt is given for each Parcel.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted till this is completely and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are Tea and Tobacco.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mail, Liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as band-boxes, are prohibited. No Parcel can be received if the value exceeds \$500. A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself, or another Parcel to the same address. No other documents are allowed.

With regard to inward Parcels, addresses are required to be marked on the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished. The postage on Parcels at home is 10d. per lb., the Regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels are sent out via Gibraltar.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the loss or damage of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the amount of such correspondence lost.

passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, and within a year at the most from the date of Posting.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal Administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, hand-made bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition. Nor on account of alleged losses of the Contents of Registered covers which have reached their destinations. Nor on account of any article for which the addressee has signed a receipt.

Miscellaneous or Delayed Correspondence.

When correspondence has been misdirected or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, Sent to _____, or Received at 7 p.m., or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster General. This cover should be taken the first time cause of complaint occurs, it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

1. Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, Patterns, Bills, Almanacs, &c., for addresses in Hongkong or the Ports of China, in batches of not less than ten of uniform size and weight may be sent to the Post Office unsealed, the postage, at the rate of one cent each, being paid in cash or charged to the sender's account. Special accounts may be opened with non-holder-holders for the delivery of considerable numbers of such articles.

2. Such covers, when addressed to places other than Hongkong or China, must be prepaid two cents each in stamps as heretofore.

3. Circulars, &c., must not exceed 2 ounces each in weight. Patterns, Almanacs, &c., must be under 4 ounces each in weight. Heavier articles will be charged ordinary rates.

4. Envelopes containing Patterns, &c. may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be enclosed in pattern packets.

5. Addressee must be complete. That is to say, on such covers as are not addressed to heads of houses the addressee's residence or place of business must be added. Incompletely addressed covers will be returned to the sender for address.

Money Orders.

[Office Hours (Sundays and holidays excepted) 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.]

Money orders cannot be issued or cashed on mail mornings, when closing mails for Europe, India, &c.

Money Orders are issued at Hongkong and Shanghai at current rates of exchange on the following Countries and places:—

Canada.

China Ports (Hankow, Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Ningpo, Hankow, and Shanghai).

Ceylon.

Hawaii (Sandwich Islands).

British India (including Burma and the Agency of the Indian Post Office in the Persian Gulf).

Japan Ports (Nagasaki, Osaka, Higo, Kobe, Yokohama, and Hakodate).

New South Wales.

New Zealand.

British North Borneo.

Queensland.

Siam (Bangkok only).

South Australia.

Strait Settlements (Singapore, Penang and Malacca).

Tasmania.

United Kingdom.

Victoria.

United States of America.

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Foreign Countries:—

Austria-Hungary.

Bulgaria.

Chili.

Denmark (including Iceland and Faroe Islands).

Denmark West Indies.

Egypt.

France, with Algeria.

German Empire (including Heligoland and the Cameroons).

Holland.

Italy (with Agencies at Tripoli, Assab and Massowah).